



JONATHAN EDWARDS COLLEGE

# **FIRST-YEAR HANDBOOK**

2018

# DEAR JE SPIDERS — CLASS OF 2022!

If you were to ask the Admissions Office why Jonathan Edwards College is best of all the other thirteen residential colleges of Yale University, they would likely recite: “No college is better than any other college. Colleges are randomly assorted communities. No one college is better, *per se*, they’re just different.” But, we in JE know the truth and soon, you too will know the incontrovertible proof that JE is the best college!

Of course, the other colleges will attempt to make this same claim by mentioning something about their lipstick statues or their garden gnomes. However, when Yalies speak of JE events—like our Spider Ball or Culture Draw, expect to detect a quiver in their voice and a wistful look in their eyes. Moreover, should the topic of IM’s arise, be prepared for unbridled displays of envy, due to the fact that the Tyng Cup (the chalice of the college intramural championships) resided in JE for three consecutive years, from 2010 to 2012!

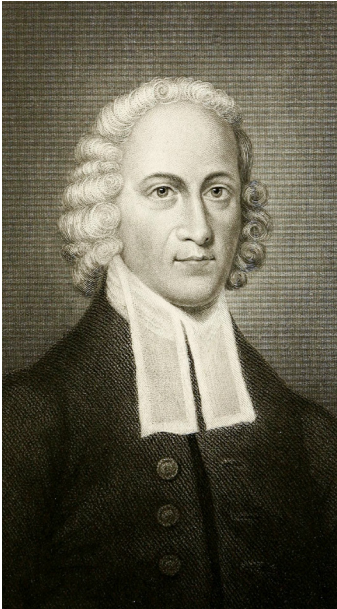
But, rather than sell you on JE’s advantages now, we’d much rather you discover, celebrate, and sustain our great legacy. It’s a well-known fact that colleges and their accolades live and die on the strength and pride of their first-year class. Is this too much to expect?! Perhaps elsewhere but we have faith that you are up for this task—look at what you’ve accomplished thus far!

With that, we are excited about your arrival and will be there waiting for you with open arms—ready to take your hugs, your questions...and your bags!

We look forward to dining with you in the Great Hall, chatting with you in the Admin Offices and cheering you on during IM Sports! You are now members of the JE community—welcome home Spiders!

Sux et Veritas,  
The Jonathan Edwards Community

# THE BASICS



## JONATHAN EDWARDS

Class of 1720, Jonathan Edwards was among the foremost theologians and philosophers of his time. He was a fiery preacher who is our beloved namesake.

## RESIDENTIAL COLLEGES

In 1931, University administration borrowed a housing idea from Oxford and Cambridge (the only good idea to come from a college in any city named Cambridge). The result was a development plan that forever changed the face of Yale College: the Residential College System.

The year 1932 saw the construction of the first of the original seven “residential quadrangles” under the direction of architect James Gamble Rogers. Jonathan Edwards College, named for the child prodigy and brilliant Yale alumnus (1720) and arguably the greatest theologian of The Great Awakening came into its glorious being.

## SPIDERS

We are JE Spiders and proud of it! If you’re up on your 18th century literature, you might guess that our mascot derives from our namesake’s most famous sermon, “Sinners in the Hands of an Angry God.” Not one to shy from fiery rhetoric, Edwards wrote: “The God that holds you over the pit of hell, much as one holds a *spider*, or some loathsome insect over the fire, abhors you, and is dreadfully provoked...” Inspiring huh? So there you have it. Spiders.

## WHY JE SUX!

Don’t be fooled by the seemingly self-deprecating sound of our battle cry, “JE SUX!” It kind of worried us when we first heard it but we quickly learned that it’s the best slogan of any college. It has a long and colorful history dating back to the 1970s. It all began when a group of JE students devised a plan to win at a former Yale tradition: Bladderball. Each year, students celebrated the end of the fall mid-term by trying to push a large water-filled ball from its origin on Old Campus to the gates of their college proper. One year, some enterprising Spiders built a crane-like machine atop an Old Campus building that was designed to snatch up the ball and hoist it over to a crowd of JE students awaiting victory. Unfortunately, the hook on the contraption burst the ball, and their plan was instantly thwarted. Angry participants began shouting, “JE sucks!” a chant that became popular at Yale football games. Subsequently, we held the record for the longest undefeated streak in the history of Yale intramural sports and then kept on winning, forging a new record of 55 games that still gloriously stands. They won four straight championships—and it was all to the chant of “JE Sux!” The moniker “Sux” spread to other JE teams and then became a rallying cry for the College as a whole.

# WHY YOU'RE LUCKY

Any honest Yalie would agree that JE is hands-down the most spirited college on campus (after the obligatory nod to their own college).

It's probably because we're one of the smallest *and* most intimate of the other colleges, with the most and best traditions of any other college.

Here's a short list to get you prepared:

## JE GEAR

JE famously has wonderful gear: Hats, bathrobes, nalgens, gloves, ties, scarves, T-shirts, sweatshirts, gloves, headbands, rugby shirts, bathrobes, flip flops, socks (JE sox), croakies, towels, joggers—you name it. We've got it all, and it's all JE.

## CULTURE DRAW

As the classiest college, our Head of College sponsors a draw each semester to give away tickets to New York opera, ballet and Broadway shows. Complete with a meal with a JE Fellow at one of New York's finest restaurants, don't miss the chance to win a trip.

## STUDY BREAKS AND FOOD NIGHTS

Late night snacks sponsored by JE. Your FroCos will buy pizza for you weekly. SAC (Student Activities Committee) will host monthly food nights with various themes. During Reading Period, the Head of College, Dean and Graduate Affiliates will each host a themed study break. Protein Break anyone?

## INTENSE DISLIKE OF BRANFORD COLLEGE

We do this a lot. They are our rivals—arch-nemeses if you will. Think Hatfields and McCoys.

## WINTER LIGHTS

Spider First-Years beat all other First-Years to the punch by being the first to hang lights outside Farnam and get Old Campus in the festive mood.

## WET MONDAY

First-Years invade JE proper with anything water at midnight on the Monday after Easter. Everyone gets wet and so everyone wins!

## SPIDER BALL

It's the swankiest party on campus all year. Exclusive to Spiders and their guests only.



# FARNAM HALL

YOUR NEW HOME



# FARNAM 101

Many of the questions you (and probably your parents) are asking right now probably concern what (Henry) Farnam Hall is like. After all, it is extremely important to make your dorm room your own little New Haven safe haven: You'll want to create a comfortable, relaxing atmosphere that is conducive to both studying and social interaction.

## OVERVIEW

As you may know, only four residential colleges house their first-years alongside their upper-level students: Timothy Dwight, Benjamin Franklin, Pauli Murray and Silliman. The rest of Yale's First-Years make their homes on Old Campus, where Farnam Hall is located.

JE only wants the best for its First-Years, and that's why we house our new Spiders in Farnam Hall. About two-thirds of Farnamites find themselves in singles and the rest are in doubles of palatial proportions.

You'll quickly discover Farnam's charm; it is an awesome building and the setup is ideal. Its system of interconnected suites lends itself to lots of interaction with your JE classmates. And although small disturbances are sure to arise over the state of the in-suite bathroom or who's to take out the trash, your suitemates often become some of your closest friends.

## NOTA BENE

Use the information that follows *as a guide only* for what to expect. We have done our best to provide you with the information we can so that you can better plan for your suites.

# THE SUITES

Farnam Hall has three Entryways—A, B and C—that are all accessible via the Old Campus side of the building using your Yale ID. Entryway A is adjacent to Battell Chapel, and C neighbors Lawrance Hall (for Stiles First-Years), leaving B in between. Like most residential buildings at Yale, there are no traditional “hallways” in Farnam. Instead, the entryways open to reveal stairwells; your neighbors are the people above, below, and on the same landing as you, as there are generally two suites per landing: one on the right, and one on the left.

To determine where you’ll be located in Farnam, look at your suite number:

## FA-22A

- The **F** stands for Farnam.
- The **A** that follows is your entryway.
- The first number designates your floor. (Zero is the basement.)
- The second number designates the right or left suite on the landing. (Facing Old Campus, suites with a one here are on the right; twos are on the left.)
- The third letter tells you which room in the suite is yours

There are four kinds of suites in Farnam:

Most common ↑	<b>THE SEXTETS (9)</b> Entryways B and C Floors 2, 3, and 4 4 Singles, 1 Double 1 Bathroom, 1 Common Room	<b>THE DOUBLES (3)</b> Entryway A, Floor 1 and Two Basement Suites 1 Double 1 Bathroom, 1 Common Room FA 11 use the Common Rm in FA12
	<b>THE DECTETS (3)</b> Entryway A Floors 2, 3, and 4 6 Singles, 2 Doubles 2 Bathrooms, 1 Common Room	<b>THE QUINTETS (3)</b> Basement Hallway Suites Entryway C Floor 1 3 Singles, 1 Double 1 Bathroom, 1 Common Room
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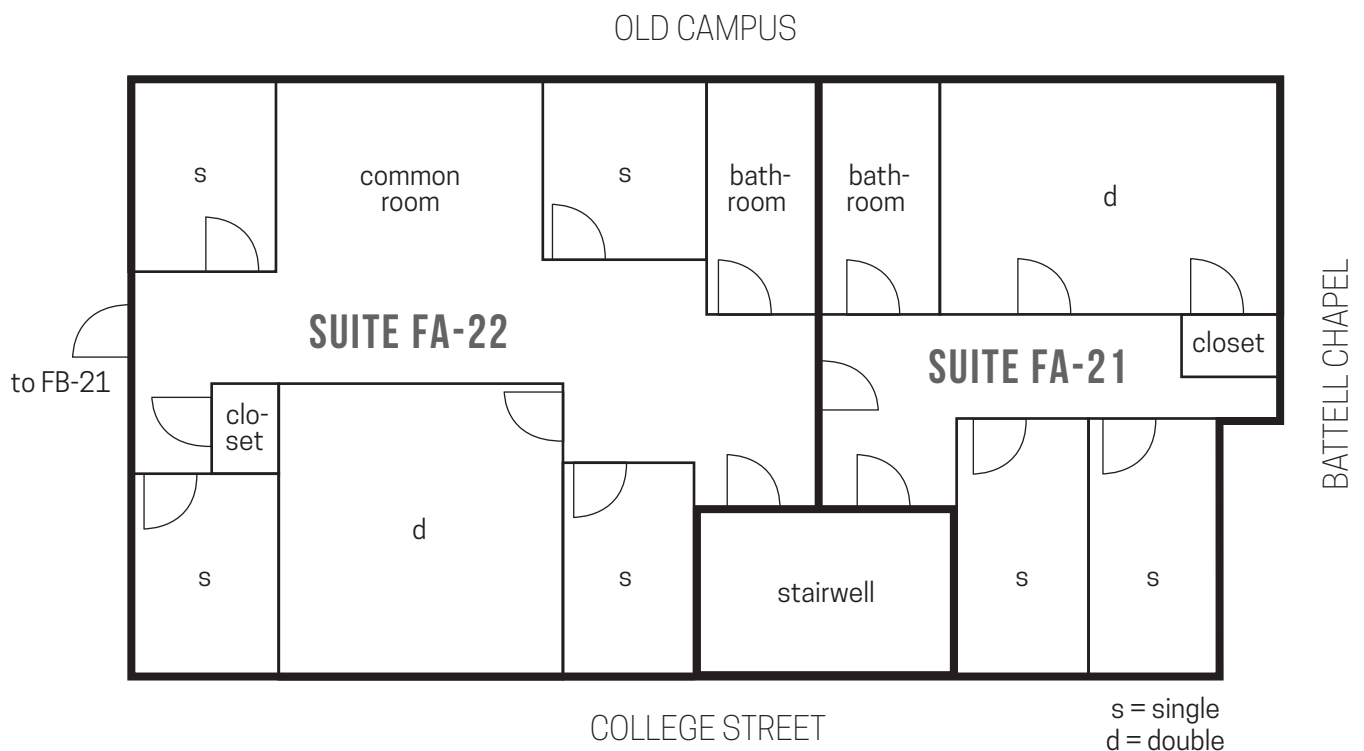
To give an example of bathroom facilities, those in sextets and quintets contain one shower, one toilet and two sinks. The extra bathroom in a dectet is the same except with one fewer sink. Since all suites have in-suite bathrooms, you are responsible for keeping them neat (the University cleans them only once during Winter Break) and for procuring your own toilet paper. Yale provides this necessity and any cleaning supplies you may want to use. Ask your First-Year Counselors when and where you get it. It's best to take as many friends with you as possible. Limit six rolls a person per trip (but it's usually not enforced).

There are fire doors between suites on the same floor that—along with the stairwells—allow Farnamites to pass through almost all suites without hindrance. Living in Farnam is like living in a suite with every First-Year in JE. Most suites leave suite doors unlocked to let Farnam traffic flow. Don't worry, bedrooms are all individually keyed.

Common Rooms are furnished and the space is ~ 11' x 12'. You might want to spruce it up a bit with colorful posters, a refrigerator, curtains and a rug.

NB: Decorate without holes in the wall. Holes equal fines at the end of the year.

The dectets are actually regular sextets with quads attached (hence the slash in FA-21/22, for example). The partitioned space functions as one suite—there is only one regularly-sized common room but it contains two bathrooms. The diagram of a typical dectet suite is shown below. *The FA22 portion is typical of all sextets.*





# THE BEDROOMS

## FARNAM DOUBLES

Doubles typically are about twice the size of the singles—about 11' x 13' (not including wardrobes). All furnishings are doubled: 2 beds, 2 desks, 2 wardrobes, 2 chairs, 2 storage units.

## BED

Bed dimensions are roughly 7' x 3'. Beds in singles differ from beds in doubles.

Single-room beds are low to the ground and contain two shallow storage drawers beneath. Beds in doubles are of the bunkable variety. However, doubles in the sextets and dectets are large enough so that there's no need to bunk your beds. In these rooms, it is possible to adjust the height of the mattresses up to approximately 30 inches. At full height, a bureau dresser will fit beneath such a bed.

## STORAGE UNIT

Small, two-drawer storage units (2' x 1.5') come as components of the desks. (The desks in Farnam each have only one shallow tray-type drawer.) They are very useful, but it can be difficult to find a place for them. Both the unit and the chair cannot fit under the desk at the same time. Try using it as a nightstand.

## DESKS

Desks in Farnam are small—about 3' wide, 2' deep. If you purchased a desktop computer with a traditional monitor, that is probably the only thing you will be able to place on your desk. We recommend a laptop for space purposes. And if you're bringing a printer: the smaller, the better.

## DESK CHAIRS

Desk chairs provided are large, sturdy, wooden chairs that rock back. You may want to bring a pillow for it to cushion your tush.

## SHELVES

Most rooms have two adjustable metal or wooden shelves that fit into metal brackets that run along the walls. For some of you (keep reading) these may be your only shelf storage.

## WALL

At least one wall in most bedrooms is made from a fibrous, bulletin board-like material. Feel free to adorn your walls with posters, pictures and more. Use pushpins or adhesive putties to decorate; tape will take off paint that may get you fined.

## MORE SHELVES

Many bedrooms (all those not on the fourth floor and those not in the doubles in FA-21, -31, and -41) contain shelving that runs a couple feet below the ceiling.

## CLOSETS AND DRESSERS

The closets are mostly to save space, and you will find most of the dressers already placed inside them. Above the hanger rod is a deep storage shelf. High ceilings allow large items to be placed above the wardrobes.

# OTHER HOUSING INFORMATION

## COMMON ROOMS

Common Rooms are furnished. All above-ground common rooms look out on Old Campus. Fourth floor common rooms have window seats. There are no curtains in the Common Rooms.

## BEDROOMS

The University provides each student with a desk, a chair, a bureau and a closet or wardrobe. There are curtains in the bedrooms but not in the Common Rooms.

## LIGHTING

You'll want one floor lamp for a single bedroom, two for a double, and at least two for the common room. You'll need a reading lamp for your desk as well. Halogen lamps are dangerous, and illegal.

## AIR

A small fan is also nice to circulate the air in your room. There is no air-conditioning in Farnam and it can be hot and sticky in New Haven for a few (long) weeks before the weather cools. Also, the heat rolls out along the walls all winter and can make things really dry, so some students bring humidifiers. In the colder months, heating is inconsistent. Some of you will be sweating; others may want a space heater.

## ELECTRICITY

Bring surge protectors/extension cords for your room and common room, but avoid overloading circuits, or you'll be whammied by the Fire Marshal. When you move in, look for plugs hidden by furniture. Also check which plugs are controlled by switches and which are not. You'd hate to accidentally turn off the fridge when you turn off the lights.

## CEILINGS

Ceilings in Farnam are vertically generous; ceilings are over 11' high.

## SPECIAL CLOSETS (A ENTRYWAY)

The doubles in sub-suites FA-21, -31, and -41 do not have wardrobe closets. Instead, they have small traditional closets (see diagram, pg. 14) that must be shared by both students—about 30" wide, 36" deep. However, the rooms themselves are slightly larger than the other doubles in Farnam (12' x 13').

## EXTRA FURNITURE

Be advised that there is little room for extra furniture in bedrooms. A set of stacking crates or a small refrigerator is the only thing that will fit.

## **REFRIGERATORS, ETC...**

Farnam suites do not contain kitchenettes of any kind and so a small, dorm-sized refrigerator is a must-have for each suite. They can be rented on campus, bought nearby, or brought from home. We also recommend bringing food supplies and preparation items for late-night snacks. And remember, there is a kitchen for student use in the basement of JE if you feel like really putting your culinary expertise to work.

## **PHONE**

cell phone

## **WIRELESS INTERNET**

Farnam is outfitted with wireless routers. Both secure and guest networks are available, and student techs will be on hand during move-in week to help set you up. Occasionally there are wireless outages, so think about packing a trusty Ethernet cable (ports available in every room).

## **LAUNDRY**

One of the two Old Campus laundry facilities (and the nicer of the two) is located in the basement of Farnam Entryway B. Washer cycles are \$1.25, and dryer cycles cost the same. Your Yale ID card will allow you to pay.

## **ENTRYWAY A SINGLES**

The singles in suites FA-21, -31, and -41 are longer (15') and narrower (6') than the other rooms in Farnam yielding a bit more precious floor space. Yay!

## **BASEMENT DOUBLES**

FA01 and FC01 have a common room, double and bathroom. The bedroom is roughly 9' x 12', the common room is also 9' x 12' and has a curved wall with a raised bench.

## **FOURTH FLOOR**

The fourth-floor bedrooms have slanted ceilings. This means that 1) They do not have the overhead shelving, and 2) they have slightly reduced volume. However, the fourth floor suites have pretty window seats in their common rooms and doubles.

## **PROPERTY**

Some students opt for low-cost property insurance (we hear there's one offered by Haylor, Fereyer, & Coon). This covers theft, which can happen anywhere, but is unlikely to occur in your bedroom which has its own lock.

## **SECURITY**

Three levels: Entryways are ID card-access only; only Farnamites can enter Farnam. Suites have common keys for all members, but most suites opt to leave their front door open to let First-Years pass through. Individual rooms have individual keys. In addition, at night, all gates of Old Campus are made ID card-access only.

# THE YALE/JE LINGO

The Yale language can be a bit confusing at first. Therefore, we have provided you with this (by no means exhaustive) glossary of terms to prep you for assimilating straight away. Study this well, and you may pass for a sophomore!

## **ANNEX HOUSING**

Where upper-level students live on campus when there is no room for them to live in their colleges. Almost all annexed occupants are juniors (first-year, sophomore and senior housing is guaranteed).

## **BURSAR BILL**

Yale College's way to "buy now; pay later." Swipe your ID at the bookstore, Durfee's, and other locations to simply accumulate a balance payable on your next tuition bill.

## **BUTTERY**

Affectionately called "The Butt" is located in JE's basement, open Sunday through Thursday nights for movies and greasy, yet incredibly tasty cheap food.

## **COMPUTER CLUSTER**

Located in the Lower Taft, near the study carrel. It has several PC's, a couple of MACs, a photocopier and a fax machine. Very Handy!

## **CPA FUNDING**

AKA Creative & Performing Arts Awards are opportunities to receive funding for independent artistic projects including plays, art shows and creative writing publications.

## **CURTIS CURTISS LIBRARY**

Located in JE Entryway K; a very cozy place to study

## **DANCE STUDY**

Bust a move, strike a pose, practice Yoga, meditate

## **DEAD WEEK**

The week after exams and before commencement, usually applicable only to seniors and those involved in certain extracurricular activities.

## **FIRST-YEAR COUNSELORS (FROCOS)**

Seniors chosen by the residential college Deans to live with and counsel their colleges' first-year classes. They are super people. Love them.

## **FIRST-YEAR OLYMPICS**

First-Years from each residential college compete for pride, honor, and glory. Luckily, JE already has all that so winning the First-Year Olympics is just a bonus. After years of last-place finishes, 2012 and 2013 have restored JE to glory. 2012 took 5th place; 2013 took 3rd. 2014 saw a drop down to sixth. In 2015, 2016 and 2017...well...let's just say, we're counting on YOU this Spring!

## **THE GAME**

The Harvard-Yale football game: a must-see.

## **GAME ROOM**

Two pool tables, wall-mounted TV's, comfortable sofas, ping-pong and foosball tables...perfect cave!

## **GREAT HALL**

Commonly known as the JE Dining Hall hosts social events and dances. Be sure to check it out during Halloween (think Hogwarts).

## **THE GREEN (NEW HAVEN)**

New Haven public area; large and green. Your bedroom window in Farnam may look out onto it.

## **GYM**

Located in JE basement; exercise equipment, TV, water and red floor

## **HEAD OF COLLEGE TEA'S**

Event for which a well-known or influential politician, movie star, artist, scholar, or other is invited to speak to small gatherings of Yale community members. Go often!

## **HOUSE OF PAYNE**

Payne-Whitney Gymnasium, Yale's shrine to athletics; it is the second-largest indoor athletic facility in the world.

## **JE PRESS ROOM**

JE has bragging rights here...our printing press is the oldest, most elaborate in all Yale College. JE prints its own diplomas for Commencement.

## **LAUNDRY ROOM**

Located in JE basement; the place where your color clothes get bleached and your whites get stained

## **LOWER TAFT**

One of several library spaces in JE. Comfy couches, spacious study carrels, and a cramped spiral staircase—everything you'd expect in a residential college.



## **MATH/SCIENCE TUTOR**

Scholars hired by each residential college to aid in the study of natural sciences. JE's Math/Science tutor is invaluable for all your math problem sets and questions. If you think his areas of expertise might not be exactly what you're looking for, feel free to explore other college's math/science tutors.

## **MEN OF JE**

JE's comedic response to the proliferation of Yale's a cappella groups. The Men (now co-ed) recruit unsuspecting First-Year every year with intense auditions and teach them the irreverent "Men Song"—all about life in JE.

## **MINIBUS**

The safest way to get around at night. Good to use if you are far from campus, and great to use when you don't feel like paying for a cab or Uber.

## **THE OTHER SCHOOL**

Hahvahd. Love to hate it.

## **PHELPS GATE**

Yale's gateway to New Haven located on the southeastern side of Old Campus. This is where to send taxis, have pizza delivered, and feel the wind's frosty wrath in winter.

## **READING WEEK**

The week before exams, during which most classes do not meet in order to give students time to study and write final papers. Also known as Reading Period.

## **ROOM DRAW**

The game devised by each college, whereby upper-level students (and upper-level students-to-be) define the order in which they will choose suites for the coming year. JE's version is a variation on High Card Draw; it comes toward the end of the year.

## **RUSH**

The period of time (within the first two months of school) when students audition for a cappella groups; it begins with a concert in Woolsey Hall and ends with Tap Night.

## **SCREW**

A formal dance that most people attend with a blind date set up by their roommates. Each college hosts its own Screw every fall.

## **SHOPPING PERIOD**

A week-and-a-half period at the beginning of each semester during which you may attend any classes that interest you before you submit your formal schedule. Everyone shops; it is highly encouraged! Just remember that anything covered during Shopping Period might show up on an exam.

## **SKYPE ROOM**

Located in Entryway H; to be used for video and private interviews for internships or fellowships

## **STUDENT KITCHEN**

Located in the basement; reservations made through JE website

## **TAP NIGHT**

The night when students are selected to join certain extracurricular groups and clubs. A cappella groups and secret societies have the two most active Tap Nights.

## **THEATRE**

Perfect for student productions or movie night (if available)

## **TOMB**

Home of a secret society.

## **TRANSFER**

To eat in a Dining Hall that is not your own.

## **UPPER TAFT**

Technically the Beekman C. Cannon Reading Room. Ideal for studying—well-lit and a focused atmosphere.

## **WEIR HALL**

The southwestern quadrant of JE; home to the Great Hall and JE's libraries. Legend has it Weir Hall was bought by Yale from the Skull and Bones Society to build JE.

## **WRITING TUTOR**

Scholar hired by each of the residential colleges to aid students in writing papers in all subject areas. JE's writing tutor is the fabulous Kate Hunter. She is the nicest person you have ever met in your life, and making an appointment with her is highly encouraged.

# FUN WITH ACRONYMS

Acronyms abound at Yale, and they can be overwhelming if you're not prepared. Use this guide as a primer, and—before you know it—you'll be leaving an FCC meeting in SML to play an IM on OC for JE, but keep it on the DL, OK?

## **BASS**

Bass Library. The underground “study” library that has its own organic café, which is great if you like working in a coffee shop atmosphere.

## **DUH**

Yale University Health Services. A place to go when you're feeling ill. The name changed (from Department of University Health), but the old acronym stuck.

## **DS**

Directed Studies. A comprehensive First-Year humanities program. DSers are best left alone (unless you're bringing them coffee) Thursday nights. The rest of the week, they are perfectly normal and often quite friendly.

## **FCC**

First-Year Class Council. An elected body that organizes and executes fun First-Year frivolities like the First-Year Screw [is this happening] and the First-Year Olympics. You vote for two representatives from your class at the beginning of the year.

## **IM'S**

Intramurals. Sports played competitively between residential colleges for the coveted Tyng Cup. There are three IM seasons with different sports each season. Not to live in the past...but did we mention we were 2010 & 2011 & 2012 Tyng champions? Keep hope alive for 2018!

## **ITS**

Information Technology Services. Responsible for your Ethernet, long-distance telephone and other telecommunications.

## **JE**

Jonathan Edwards College. We hope you got that one...

## **JECC**

Jonathan Edwards College Council. JE's student government. JECC is your source for JE gear and your voice in how JE is run. JOIN and PARTICIPATE.

**KBT**

Kline Biology Tower. The highest building at Yale with the highest dining facility at Yale. Students with classes on top of Science Hill can grab lunch here.

**LC**

Linsley-Chittenden Hall. The center for English studies at Yale, located on Old Campus.

**OC**

Old Campus. The heart of Yale, where you'll be living.

**LOM**

Leet Oliver Memorial Building. The main Math Building.

**SAC**

Social Activities Committee. Each college has one; pronounced sack. JE SAC plans food nights, dances, ski trips, and other events to pass the time outside classes.

**SML**

Sterling Memorial Library. The main branch of the Yale Library.

**SSS**

Sterling, Sheffield, and Strathcona Hall. Home to a main lecture hall and the Yale College Dean's Office.

**WLH**

William L. Harkness Hall. A Cross Campus building that houses multiple disciplines' classes, including music and history.

**YCC**

Yale College Council. The highest level of Yale undergraduate student government.

**YPMB**

Yale Precision Marching Band. They aren't exactly precise, nor do they necessarily march, but they sure are funny to watch at half-time.

**YSO**

Yale Symphony Orchestra. Flutes, violins, timpani...

Some Yale building are known by indecipherable acronyms. This site will help:  
<http://www.yale.edu/sis/building.codes.html>

# THINGS TO CONSIDER

## BANKING

You will most likely want to set up some kind of banking account in New Haven during your first couple of days here. The University banks with Bank of America; therefore, all ATMs on campus are affiliated with that bank. A “B of A” ATM is located in Durfee’s (on Old Campus) very near Farnam and in Bass Library. Many banks are within walking distance of Old Campus. For more information on banking and branches, refer to The Yale Guide.

## BIKES

Science Hill is the farthest point on campus from Farnam, approximately a 15-minute walk. You may take a Yale bus from near Old Campus or Commons (the main dining hall) or you may prefer the freedom of a bike. If you do have a bike on campus, be sure to purchase a U-lock to stave off bike thieves! You will need to register your bike in JE’s Receiving Office, once you get to campus in order to store it in the college’s courtyard.

## LAPTOPS

If you have a laptop computer, you might want to purchase some kind of portable computer lock. A few seconds of diverted attention can cost you several hundred dollars and a semester’s load of work. It is also wise to register your computer with the Yale Police—you’ll receive more information on this at the Safety Talk your first week at school. And need we say: back up your work, back up your work, back up your work!

## WINTER

New Haven winters can be beautiful, but they are long, cold and wet. Come prepared with suitable clothes. Listen up, Southerners and West Coasters... get a big coat, hat, scarf and gloves!

## CLOTHES

While you’re at it, pack some clothes for out-of-the-ordinary occasions, such as The Screw Dance, Halloween, Spider Ball and other parties. Yalies are big on all three. Think formal, semi-formal and costumes.



## **PACK LIGHT**

Essential if you're not within driving distance! It's cheap to ship clothes and books from home by US Post and you can bring things back at Thanksgiving, Christmas, and Spring Break. At the end of term, JE offers summer storage—you're able to purchase up to (5) boxes that will be stored on West Campus.

## **NEW HAVEN FOOD**

The Yale Campus is very nuclear; there really isn't a great need to leave. Dining Hall food is plentiful; junk food is available at Durfee's (on Old Campus); Off-campus, there's cuisine of almost every type imaginable, including a plethora of world famous (not kidding) pizza and Thai options. There's a Stop & Shop on Whalley Avenue for your groceries.

## **MOVE-IN**

If you're driving to New Haven, be sure to get to campus early on move-in day. You will see signs on College Street designating where each college should park and look for JE Spiders with JE Moves t-shirts to help you unload. You can park on the street/sidewalk for a short period of time while you unload.

# FIRST-YEAR COUNSELORS

(FROCOS)  
2018 - 2019



# KARNESSIA GEORGETOWN



Head FroCo, Karnessia Georgetown is a proud native of Jackson, Mississippi majoring in Economics and pursuing a certificate in education studies. She has served as a Cultural Connections counselor, a communication and consent educator, and an event coordinator at the Af-Am house. She is also heavily involved with the urban debate league, Chi alpha christian fellowship, BCAY, and Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. If you want to win Karnessia's heart, ask her to get Pad Thai and smoothies with you.

## KARNESSIA'S \$0.02

You don't have to prove anything to anyone! You're here at Yale because you have something unique and valuable to offer that can't be 'boxed' out perfectly. It's tempting to feel the need to justify our presence in spaces like Yale. Constantly remind yourself that you belong here!

# LUKE CIANCARELLI



Luke is an English and Philosophy major from Lafayette, NJ. He's really interested in early modern philosophy, the poetry and aesthetics of the Romantic period, and the work of Shakespeare and Milton. Luke sings with and accompanies the Yale Glee Club, is president and co-founder of the Spenser Society, a poetry club dedicated to promoting new art on campus, and is also the treasurer for Hear Your Song, a student organization which gives hospitalized children the chance to become songwriters and hear their songs recorded. Luke has co-written multiple plays, the most recent of which was performed as part of the Yale Playwrights Festival. He also works as a freelance organist and pianist in New Jersey and Connecticut, and spends a lot of his time listening to jazz, classical, and classic soul music. If you happen to run into him playing pick-up soccer with a rag-tag band of hooligans on old campus, feel free to join in!

## LUKE'S \$0.02

Love triumphs over all! If you ever feel yourself losing perspective or getting too stressed (at Yale or anywhere), remember how much more important love and the relationships built on it are than whatever it is that's weighing you down.



# CASEY FLINT

Casey, a chemical engineering major hailing from Savannah, GA, is looking forward to meeting the class of 2022! A member of Naval ROTC, Casey is part of the Yale powerlifting club, and previously worked in the Transformative Materials & Devices lab as an undergrad researcher in photovoltaics. In addition, he has been employed by the Yale Admissions office as both an engineering tour guide and Yale ambassador for Virginia high schools. During his free time, Casey enjoys creating pottery, as well as curling up with hot tea and a good book.

## CASEY'S \$0.02

- Be selfish with your time and energy! In the daily hustle of classes and assignments, it is often a common stereotype for Yalies to try to cram even more activities into their already-busy schedule. No matter how many activities you try to be part of, just remember that there will still be several dozen more things you wish you had time to try. Your first year on campus will be a time to explore new things, and you should take every advantage of this. However, know that your own physical and mental wellbeing should take top priority. By this, I mean ensuring that you are setting aside time for self-care and personal enjoyment/relaxation.





# MEITAL GERWITZ

Meital is a Molecular, Cellular, Developmental Biology major from Minnesota. On campus she works as a tutor, takes part in research at the Yale school of medicine, and volunteers with local New Haven public schools. She enjoys spending time outside, reading books, good humor, and being with friends. This past semester, Meital was studying abroad in Jerusalem. She is so excited to return to campus in the fall to meet the new JE students!

## MEITAL'S \$0.02

Sometimes Yale can feel like a stressful place but try not to get caught up in this. Remember that your friends and FroCos are here to help you throughout. And most of all, enjoy yourself!!

# TRAN LE



Tran identifies as a first-generation, low-income Vietnamese American from Dallas and San Antonio, Texas, and is a Political Science major with a concentration in Education Policy. On campus, she is the Student Assistant for the Education Studies Program and was formerly Co-Captain of Jashan Bhangra (Yale's only competitive South Asian dance team). Her past work experience includes working in the Office of New Haven & State Affairs' Pathways to Science Program, and at Wexler-Grant School as a 1st grade classroom teaching assistant. She has also interned at the U.S. Department of Education and the New York State Education Department. Tran's greatest loves are dancing, karaoke, ice-cream, Hot Cheetos, romantic-comedy movies, and contemporary romance novels. As a CC Counselor the past 2 years, she is so excited to finally be a JE FroCo and have first-year students to dote on all of senior year!

## TRAN'S \$0.02

There is no one way to do Yale. Don't 1) commit to something for any other reason than because you, yourself, truly want to, or 2) over-commit. In academics, extra-curriculars, and your social life altogether, it's very easy to do these two things because Yale has so many opportunities that you may want to take advantage of and so many amazing people that you may want to be friends with (and/or impress). But sometimes simplicity is key: do what makes you happy. And you might be thinking, wow, Tran - that's common sense, not \$0.02 worth of wisdom. But sometimes, our happiness isn't our first priority, and that's when it gets hard to do.

# CHIDERA OSUJI



Chidera mostly grew up in the metro-Atlanta area, though when she was younger she lived a few years in Nigeria where her family is from. A lover of cultures and interested in the ways identity and socioeconomic factors intersect, she is double majoring in Ethnicity, Race, and Migration and Economics. On campus, she has been heavily involved in the a cappella scene as a former member of Out of the Blue and a current member of Shades. She has also been an Advising Fellow with Matriculate, a Student Organizations Consultant at the Dean's Office, and held various on-campus jobs. In her free time she loves to read, dabble in different creative outlets, and watch choreography videos on YouTube. Chidera is looking forward to coming back to campus after having spent last semester studying abroad in Paris. Her favorite thing about Yale has been getting to know kind and passionate people so she is excited to meet the JE first-years!

## CHIDERA'S \$0.02

Keep an open mind and be honest with yourself. As is to be expected, a lot of first-years come in thinking that they have it all figured out and have an exact map of what their next few years will look like. Though having vision can be helpful in taking the first few steps, be careful not to let it dictate your whole experience if you find yourself inspired by other interests. The best parts of Yale are often the most unexpected - unexpected acquaintances turned friends, unexpected roadblocks turned pathways, and unexpected opportunities turned passions. Find (or stumble upon) what you like or even love and don't be afraid to let some things go. Be open to the joys and challenges that will be presented to you, so that you can make the most out of your unique Yale experience.





# STELLA WOO

Stella thinks of herself as Alaskan, not because her ancestors are from there per se, but because she was shaped so profoundly by living there for the last 15 years. Thanks to Alaska, she loves hikes, long road trips, diverse public schools, mountains, salmon, environmental sustainability, and wintery winters. She is an East Asian studies major concentrating on East Asian sociocultural anthropology because she loves learning the languages, cultures, and landscapes of East Asia. Though frankly, she would just as happily learn about the places and the lives of people anywhere in the world. She is passionate about social justice in education, which led her to informally complete much of the academic requirements for the education studies program at Yale as well as a teaching internship. As a senior returning to Yale after a gap year abroad, she is excited to meet and work with amazing JE students, old and new.

## STELLA'S \$0.02

I would say give yourself opportunities to be deeply thoughtful at Yale. Thoughtful of what you want to achieve for example, or how you want to be kind to others and yourself. Particularly, I'd encourage thoughtfulness in how you approach and reconstruct what/how you think, including continually evaluating and reevaluating what it means to make yourself more successful or more happy. Practically this can mean a lot of different things. It can mean giving yourself opportunities to connect with people very different from you, trying out something new that you are clueless about but have always had a vague interest in, spending much more time in the dining hall than is necessary for a meal, taking long walks off campus, or having heart to hearts with your friends or frocos!

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